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SUBJECT: EMBASSY ATTENDANCE AT GINZBURG TRIAL

REF: (A) MOSCOW 12093(NOTAL), (B) STATE 139356(NOTAL),
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1. PER REF B ON JUNE 2 POLCOUNSELOR CONTACTED SOKOLOV,
DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA'S USA DIVISION TO REQUEST FACILI-
TATION ATTENDANCE OF EMBASSY OFFICER(S) AT GINZBURG
TRIAL BE IT IN MOSCOW OR KALUGA. REFERRING TO PREVIOUS
EXCHANGE ON EMBASSY REQUEST FOR FACILITATION OF
EMBOFF ATTENDANCE AT ORLOV TRIAL (REF C) SOKOLOV
SAID HIS ANSWER WAS "PRECISELY THE SAME." (I.E., THAT
THE REQUEST CONSTITUTES INTERFERENCE
IN INTERNAL SOVIET AFFAIRS).

2. SUBSEQUENTLY MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER PHONED TO INFORM
US THAT TRAVEL TO KALUGA (JUNE 4-8) BY TWO EMBOFFS
AS OUTLINED IN EMBASSY'S TRAVEL NOTE COULD NOT BE
PERFORMED "FOR REASONS OF A TEMPORARY NATURE."

3. COMMENT: AS EXTRA INSURANCE WE ARE FILING ANOTHER
NOTE FOR JUNE 7-9 TRAVEL TO KALUGA BY TWO
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EMBOFFS. HOWEVER THESE SIGNALS, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH
OTHER INDICATIONS WE HAVE SEPARATELY REPORTED, STRONGLY
SUGGEST THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT PERMIT ANY WESTERN
ACCESS TO GINZBURG TRIAL VENUE. MATLOCK

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